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## **Governor Baker Nominates Brian M. D'Andrea of Paxton as Clerk Magistrate of the Worcester District Court**

**BOSTON** — Today, Governor Charlie Baker announced the nomination of Attorney Brian M. D'Andrea of Paxton as Clerk Magistrate of the Worcester District Court. Attorney D'Andrea has 15 years of legal experience in the public and private sectors, and currently serves as the Acting Clerk Magistrate of the Fitchburg District Court.

"Attorney D'Andrea has the knowledge and experience from working in the Trial Court to effectively serve the Commonwealth as a Clerk Magistrate," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "I am pleased to submit this candidate to the Governor's Council for their advice and consent."

"Having served as First Assistant and Acting Clerk Magistrate of the Fitchburg District Court and in various public and private sector positions previously, Attorney D'Andrea is well-qualified to the Worcester District Court," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. "I am confident that, if confirmed, he will treat all parties before him fairly."

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a

non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April 2015.

**About Brian M. D'Andrea:**

Attorney Brian M. D'Andrea began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Worcester District Attorney's Office from 2005 to 2006. After representing criminal defendants for The Law Office of Eden Rafferty, D'Andrea returned to the Worcester District Attorney's Office from 2007 until 2013, as Supervising Assistant District Attorney. He joined the Fitchburg District Court as an Assistant Clerk Magistrate in 2013, before his promotion to First Assistant Clerk Magistrate and Acting Clerk Magistrate. Since 2014, D'Andrea has also served as a member of the Executive Board for the Association of Magistrates and Assistant Clerks. Prior to practicing law, D'Andrea spent more than 2 years as Director of Personnel for the Massachusetts Highway Department and almost 3 years as the Director of Patron Services for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. He earned his Juris Doctorate cum laude from Suffolk University Law School in 2003, and his Bachelor's Degree magna cum laude from Stonehill College in 1997.

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